REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating Claims 1, 2 and 4-10 are Allowed.

Applicants also appreciate the Examiner's consideration and indication that Claim 19, dependent on Claim 3, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully submit amended base Claim 3 including the limitations of Allowable Claim 19 (there were no intervening claims). Claims 13-18 depend from Allowable Claim 3 (old 19). Applicants respectfully submit Claims 3, and 13-18 are now in condition for allowance and request favorable action.

CONCLUSION

The application as defined in the pending claims is patentable under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 in view of the cited prior art. Therefore, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of all pending claims.

Applicants do not believe that any other fees are due at this time; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 50-2148, (formerly Baker & Botts, L.L.P.,) Order Number 071308.0516

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